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Armstrong, Hudson reach end of the track

Highway closed for 5 days

No one hurt on Sea-to-Sky one day after it was gridlocked with 40,000 music fans

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Vancouver

It will be about five days until the Sea-to-Sky highway is reopened after a massive rockslide containing car-sized boulders tumbled across it late Tuesday night.

Some of the smaller rocks hit a bus carrying a lone passenger. It shattered the bus' windows, but did not injure anyone.

Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon estimated the rubble to be 75 metres in length and 10 m high, containing anywhere from 5,000 to 16,000 cubic metres of rock.

"All I can say is I am just so extraordinarily relieved that no public was caught in the event," he said yesterday. "The odds are actually pretty high that somebody would be captured by it."

The slide happened at about 11:18 p.m. between Furry Creek and Porteau Cove. Larger boulders will likely have to be blasted before crews can remove them. A source close to the ministry said that some of the debris might end up in the water.

The area where the slide occurred is not part of the $600-million Sea-to-Sky Improvement Project, but Falcon said that contingency plans will be put in place by the 2010 Olympics in case something like this happens again.

Irene Kerr, vice president of services and transportation for the Vancouver Organizing Committee, said that VANOC would be working with the ministry to develop transportation plans.

Just one day before the slide, the highway was gridlocked when up to 40,000 people were returning home from the Pemberton Music Festival.

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transit options

- Travellers who must get up to Whistler or Squamish can either charter a helicopter or take a roughly six-hour detour through Hope-Lytton-Lillooet to Whistler.

Crews begin work to clear the rockslide between Furry Creek and Porteau Cove.

Van second sexiest

Vancouver is the second sexiest city in the country, according to the largest speed dating service in Canada.

Winnipeg is first.

Really?

Yes, at least according to FastLife.ca 51 per cent of speed daters in that city rated their potential dates as attractive. Vancouver followed at 49 per cent then Calgary at 48 per cent.

Toronto and Edmonton tied for fourth place at 46 per cent, then Montreal at 42.

Ottawa is the least sexy city at 40 per cent (looking at you politicians).

In addition to comparing cities, the study also looked at specific neighbourhoods.

Vancouver's Yaletown is the sexiest neighbourhood in Canada, followed by the Yonge and Eglinton area of Toronto and Osborne Village in Winnipeg.

JOYCE YIP/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Telemarketers on the run

In two months, Canadians will finally be able to stop annoying calls from telemarketers as a National Do Not Call List is launched.

The CRTC announced yesterday that the list becomes effective Sept. 30. The free service can be signed on to online or through a toll-free number at www.LNNTE-DNCL.gc.ca or call 1-866-580-DNCL (3625).

Telemarketers will still have 31 days to contact people who have registered but could be fined up to $15,000 if they break the rule.

The list, however, exempts calls from political parties, polling companies, newspapers seeking subscriptions, charities and businesses that already have a relationship with the client over the past 18 months.

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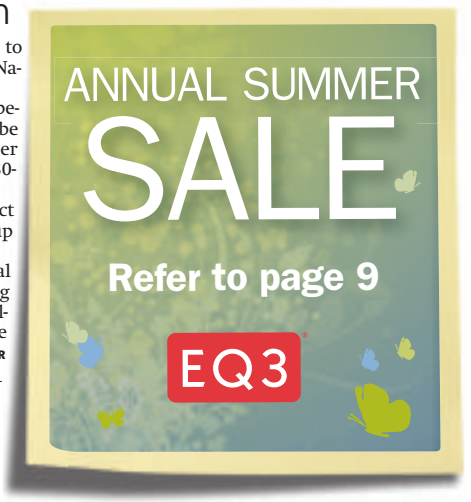

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Protesters rally for Khadr's release
Demonstrators rallied outside the Vancouver Art Gallery yesterday demanding that Omar Khadr be released from Guantanamo Bay and returned to Canada. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Fin victorious at Mascot Games

Vancouver Canucks mascot Fin has won the 16th annual Celebrity Mascot Games in Orlando, Fla. Finn beat out 29 other mascots to claim the top spot. This year's theme was American Gladiators and featured an obstacle course and jousting. METRO VANCOUVER

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Binners play part in cleanup

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Balloons and bright-coloured crepe paper streamed from dumpsters and telephone poles behind a Downtown East-side bottle depot yesterday as a group of amateur athletes raced with shopping carts along broken asphalt and speedily sorted cans from bottles.

The Binners Olympics, held yesterday in the alley behind United We Can, featured five events, including a bottle toss and a shopping cart race.

"It's just a low-key little community sports day to play around and have some fun," said Ken Lyotier, executive director of United We Can (UWC).

But while yesterday's "Olympics" were strictly about having a good time, UWC is hoping to capitalize on the real Games and is teaming up with industry, business and government to help with recycling and cleaning efforts during the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

"We've been talking with VANOC for a number of years now," Lyotier said.

"Anyway that people from this community can be included in something connected to the broader society is a good thing."

A pilot project, during the Celebration of Light, saw a group of seven or eight binners, working with UWC, circulating among the firework-watching crowd and collecting empties. The binners were paid $8 per hour from the City of Vancouver for four hours work, said Andy Wilkinson a community development worker with UWC.

Similar projects will be run during the Chinatown Festival and VANOC's presentation of the opening ceremonies of the Beijing Olympics.

Steve races with a tray of bottles.

ABOVE: Seann Dory, left, with Steve, and Doris Chow, with Gina Pugliese, race with shopping cars yesterday during the Binners Olympics behind United We Can bottle depot. RIGHT: Mike McKay competes in a bottle toss.

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letters

Society blankets blame for rodeos

Re: "Religious roundup." Shame on the Vancouver Humane Society for attacking a religious/church group to draw attention to their own political issue. The ad seems to suggest that it's all the fault of Christians that this rodeo is happening, when in fact many Christians aren't supporters of rodeos or any type of animal abuse for that matter.

MARKUS L., RICHMOND

Animals also hurt for religion's sake

Re: "Religious roundup." I must comment on the absurdity of Loren Wilkinson's comments on what the Bible has written on the topic of animals. He mentions Noah saving two of each animal and St. Francis of Assisi who felt kindness toward animals. However, Wilkinson neglects the multitude of grotesque animal offerings to God.

DR. J. ANDERSON, VIA E-MAIL

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7-kg chunk of concrete falls from SkyTrain bridge

INSPECTION A chunk of concrete fell from the SkyTrain bridge connecting Surrey and New Westminster.

A seven-kilogram piece of concrete probably broke free through the freezing and thawing of a crack, CBC News reported yesterday.

It was discovered beneath the almost 20-year-old SkyBridge in a parking lot on the New Westminster side.

TransLink spokesman Ken Hardie said the piece did not come from a load-bearing portion of the bridge and does not pose a safety issue. The bridge will not be shut down. TransLink has asked engineers to inspect the bridge deck.

Last month, engineers discovered cracks in the SkyBridge's braces during an inspection. The cracks were from normal wear and tear. METRO VANCOUVER

$24-million jackpot has Vancouverites dreaming

LOTTERY Last night's Lotto 6/49's multimillion jackpot led to a flurry of last minute number picking.

With the jackpot at $24 million, Vancouver resident Alana Pereira, a 35-year-old marketing executive, said she'll buy five houses in five different countries if her numbers come up.

"I travel a lot, so it'll be very convenient to own those places," she said. "For sure I'll buy one in the Caribbean, one in California and one in Italy."

Jayne Kim, 25, who bought her ticket in a Yaletown store yesterday, said it would take a long time for her to recover from the shock of winning.

"I can't even imagine having that much money, honestly. But I guess I'll pay for school and buy a house," said the computer science student. "I'm very practical, so maybe I'll save it for the kids' college funds."

B.C. Lottery Corporation's Trevor Miller said a jackpot that high is rare.

"When the jackpot is not won, it rolls over," he said. "When there's a bigger jackpot to be won, more tickets are bought."

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What's online today.

Read about the Urban Foodie's latest culinary adventures
Watch MetroTube of the Day for a clip of Mr. T's ill-fated candy bar ad, and a video report on deep drilling and geothermal energy
Check movie showtimes, trailers and reviews

Blue whale to soak in hot tubs
The massive bones of a 26-metre long blue whale skeleton will be moved into "hot tubs," specially designed degreasing tanks in Victoria's harbour today. METRO VANCOUVER

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Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services Iain Black, right, tours Robson Square yesterday with Robert Broe, a development manager with the province's accommodation and real estate services division.

Downtown rink up for facelift

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ROBSON Ice skaters could be back gliding on a newly renovated rink beneath Robson Street as soon as this winter, the minister of labour and citizens' services said yesterday.

"The ice rink has always been … part of the original character of the downtown core," said Iain Black after a tour of the ongoing renovations to the Robson Square and the Arthur Erickson-designed courthouse complex.

Plans for the rink include replacing the dark-glass domes with clear glass, a new ceiling with LED lighting and new stairs for better access.

The government also hopes to increase the ice surface size by a quarter and install a new energy efficient refrigeration system.

The new rink should be completed by the new year, but its timeline is dependant on a public consultation process through the City of Vancouver. The consultation is expected to begin in August.

Next phase

- The complex's $40-million renovation project began in 2004. The most recent phase, to restore the waterproofing membrane of the lower plaza, will begin next week and will result in "significant noise."

News in brief

URINE A flag person working with B.C. Transmission Corp. along the Tsawwassen expansion route found someone had urinated in, or thrown urine all over the inside of her car. Protesters involved in an ongoing legal battle over the power lines have dogged construction crews for months.

ASSAULT An 18-year-old female was attacked and sexually assaulted at knifepoint on July 21 in Abbotsford. She was walking along George Ferguson Way when she was dragged into some bushes. The suspect is described as five-foot-seven, medium build, early 20s. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Rockslide smashes side of shuttle bus

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Vancouver

An airport shuttle bus narrowly avoided being crushed during the massive rockslide late Tuesday night.

Peter Skeels, driver of the Perimeter Whistler Express airport bus, was on his 10 p.m. route from Vancouver International Airport to Whistler along the Sea-to-Sky highway when he heard what sounded like a hailstorm.

"We didn't know what to make of it. It was just so sudden."
Driver Peter Skeels

"It was just really loud," Skeels, a Whistler resident, told Global TV. "We didn't know what to make of it. It was just so sudden."

Three or four seconds in, Skeels saw rocks and boulders tumbling onto the highway and accelerated the 24-passenger minicoach around the perimeter of the rockslide.

The right side of the bus was smashed but neither Skeels nor lone passenger Luis Araujo were hurt.

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REUTERS/POOL PHOTO

ABOVE: Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon addresses reporters near Porteau Cove along the Sea-To-Sky Highway yesterday. He said it'll take about five days to reopen the highway.
RIGHT: An aerial view of the rock slide across the Sea-to-Sky Highway yesterday.

Araujo told reporters yesterday that he and Skeels were talking about earthquakes and catastrophes shortly before the incident.

Perimeter Bus Line spokesman Mike Cafferty said Skeels had been driving for many years but it was only his third month with Perimeter.

After pulling over to assess the damage, Skeels called police and then continued on to Whister.

There were no reports of any other vehicles being hit.

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Baby removed from grow op, four arrested

MOUNTIES A baby was removed from a grow op yesterday and two men and two women were arrested after Mounties used a search warrant to inspect a Burnaby home.

The grow op was discovered after officers attended a shots-fired call early Tuesday morning in the 1300 block of Willingdon Avenue.

A dog was taken to the vet at the time with gunshot injuries in what police are describing as a targeted attack. Shell casings and a gun were found outside the residence and police are continuing to investigate.
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Economy over environment
Forty-five per cent of Canadians said economic growth was most important while 44 per cent chose the environment in a new poll about quality of life. REUTERS

Canada

Border ID cards

New high-tech identification cards to help Saskatchewan people cross the United States border will be introduced next year, the provincial government says. Special driver's licences that can be used instead of passports at land border crossings will be introduced by June.

Canada getting new helicopters

NATO called on for more help

Canada is leasing up to eight Russian-built choppers to fly troops around southern Afghanistan and protect them from the threat of roadside bombs and ambushes, Defence Minister Peter MacKay says.

MacKay described the move yesterday as a stopgap measure until Canada can take delivery of American-built Chinook transport choppers.

As well, Canada is also leasing unmanned aerial vehicles used for reconnaissance over the Afghan battlefield until it gets possession of the drones it wants to purchase. He noted that Canada isn't going to add more troops.

"We're doing our bit. We're doing enough."
Peter MacKay

MacKay also demanded that other NATO nations step up with contributions of troops and equipment in southern Afghanistan, which he called a "flashpoint."

"We're doing our bit. We're doing enough," MacKay said.

Canada will increase its troop levels by 200 with the increase in new equipment.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Quebec City **Tory retreat**

MATHIEU BELANGER/REUTERS

Prime Minister Stephen Harper walks off his airplane with his son Ben and his daughter Rachel as he arrives in Quebec City to attend the Conservative Party National Caucus Retreat at the convention center in Levis yesterday.

Racial attack prevented

CALGARY Alleged racial slurs hurled by a knife-wielding skinhead at a Calgary LRT station left a young black woman feeling like she had no choice but to leave the city.

Last Friday around 11:30 p.m., Peta-Gay Smith, 20, just finished work and was hoping to board a train when she said a group of five white supremacists blasted racial slurs and threatened her with a knife.

A bystander stepped in, punching the would-be attacker in the face before he could reach her and a melee broke out, Smith said. "I'd probably be dead if it wasn't for that."

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News in brief

POLITICS Ottawa's push for longer jail terms will not result in overcrowded prisons or ballooning corrections costs, Public Safety Minister Stockwell Day says. Day said yesterday he's confident Canada can implement new mandatory jail terms for serious crimes and still avoid the U.S. example of having those new sentences cause a dramatic increase in the prison population in Canada.

SEAL HARVEST BAN A call by Nova Scotia's fisheries minister for an expansion of the province's annual grey seal hunt is being considered by federal Fisheries Minister Loyola Hearn. Ron Chisholm encouraged Ottawa last week to press the European Parliament to reject a proposed ban on seal products and added he was pressing to expand the harvest.

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Presidential campaign spending passes $50M

U.S. presidential candidates have spent some $50 million and aired more than 100,000 TV ads since the start of the general election campaign in early June, far outpacing the rate of the 2004 campaign, a University of Wisconsin Advertising Project report showed yesterday. REUTERS

World/Business

Internet TV grows in popularity

AMERICA A fifth of U.S. television viewers are putting down their remote controls and clicking on a mouse instead to watch primetime programs online — particularly professional women, according to a new survey.

It showed that 50 percent of people viewing TV on the Web are watching programs as they become available and "appear to be beginning to use the computer as a substitute for the television set," Integrated Media Measurement Inc. (IMMI), which conducted the poll, said.

Currents derail one-armed man

EUROPE Olivier Desmet, 56, came agonizingly close to becoming the first one-armed man to swim the English Channel, but was forced to abandon his bid within sight of the French coast when strong currents dragged him off course. REUTERS

News in brief

HAITI Dozens of ex-soldiers emerged from a former military headquarters in northern Haiti yesterday in a peaceful end to a 24-hour standoff with police and UN peacekeepers, officials said. The former soldiers seized one-time army buildings in Cap-Haitien, Haiti's second largest city, Tuesday to demand the reinstatement of the disbanded army and 14 years of back pay. REUTERS

Israeli PM set to step down

Surprise doesn't change peace goal: U.S.

Middle East peacemaking was in turmoil yesterday after Ehud Olmert, dogged by corruption probes, said he would resign as prime minister after his party picks a new leader in September.

Israeli politicians and analysts said Olmert's surprise announcement could force an early election, which opinion polls show could be won by rightist leader, Benjamin Netanyahu.

"I have decided I won't run in the Kadima movement primaries, nor do I intend to intervene in the elections," Olmert said, referring to his ruling centrist party.

Olmert vowed not to "ease up" on peacemaking "for as long as I remain in office."

The White House said its goal of getting Olmert and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to reach a peace deal this year was unchanged. Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said the negotiations would continue despite Olmert's announcement. REUTERS

9 wounded in West Bank violence

- Israeli troops wounded nine Palestinians in the occupied West Bank yesterday in a clash with stone-throwing protesters at the funeral of a 10-year-old boy killed a day earlier, Palestinian medics said. They said the Israelis had shot the protesters with rubber bullets. A 21-year-old Palestinian was hit in the head and doctors described him as brain dead.

New York **Luggage bug delays flights**

REUTERS/JOSHUA LOTT

Customers wait in line after a computer glitch crippled the baggage handling system at the American Airlines' Terminal 8 at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport yesterday.

Business

Canada on track for surplus: Flaherty

ECONOMY Although Canada is still on track to record a budget surplus this year, the government has no plans for big spending projects or major tax cuts in the near future, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said yesterday.

Canada posted a budget deficit of $517 million for April and May as corporate and sales tax collection fell sharply. Ottawa has estimated a surplus in 2008-09 of $2.3 billion, down from the expected surplus of $10.2 billion for 2007-08.

"This is a time of economic slowdown," Flaherty told reporters. "I'm satisfied and I'm confident that we're on track in terms of our revenues and expenses over the year but this is not a year for big new spending projects or big new tax reductions."

The government cut the GST to 5 per cent as part of a tax-cutting package it says will help the economy cope with the U.S. housing crisis. Canada has recorded 11 budget surpluses in a row and the idea of a deficit would be very damaging politically. REUTERS

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Finance Minister Jim Flaherty.

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NHL

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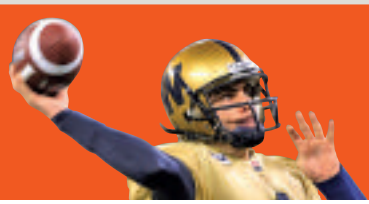

Dinwiddie wins weekly award

Winnipeg quarterback Ryan Dinwiddie, left, earned the CFL's offensive player of the week. He was joined in Week 5 honours, announced yesterday, by Edmonton defensive lineman Montez Murphy, B.C. Lions kick returner Ian Smart and wideout Paris Jackson. Dinwiddie completed 24 of 39 passes for a league-high 450 yards, and threw the game-winning touchdown to lead the Blue Bombers over the Calgary Stampeders.

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Pudge sent to Yankees

MLB The day that Jorge Posada's season officially ended, the New York Yankees made a deal for his replacement behind the plate. New York dealt relief pitcher Kyle Farnsworth to the Detroit Tigers yesterday in exchange for 14-time All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez.

Rodriguez

"He's still an everyday guy and he's a significant upgrade," said Yankees general manager Brian Cashman. "He's having a good year, and we're excited to think that we've moved forward with something that was a need."

Posada underwent season-ending shoulder surgery yesterday, a procedure that will sideline him for four to six months. Jose Molina had replaced Posada in the meantime.

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LOTTERIES

Lotto 6/49	3, 10, 21, 26, 38 and 43. Bonus 48.
B.C. 49	12, 16, 28, 30, 32 and 39. Bonus 22.
Extra	7, 18, 67, 68.

Results not official

Dubois nets shocking upset

Canadian knocks off 13th seed to make it to third round at Rogers Cup

World No. 1 Ana Ivanovic of Serbia opened her hard-court campaign with a laboured 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 win over Czech teenager Petra Kvitova to wobble into the third round of the Rogers Cup in Montreal yesterday.

Playing her first event since a shocking third-round exit at Wimbledon, the French Open champion arrived in Montreal with her No. 1 ranking under threat from compatriot Jelena Jankovic.

Ivanovic's first competitive match in nearly a month showed predictable signs of rust. She served six break points in her opening two service games, none of which Kvitova was able to convert.

The Serb hurt her own cause with nine double faults helping Kvitova claim the second set, but rebounded by sweeping the opening five games of third before struggling to close out a rickety performance.

World No. 3 Maria Sharapova defeated Poland's Marta Domachowka 7-5, 5-7, 6-2.

ELSA/GETTY IMAGES

Canadian Stephanie Dubois celebrates winning her match over 13 seed Maria Kirilenko of Russia at the Rogers Cup in Montreal yesterday. Dubois defeated Kirilenko 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (4).

Local hope Stephanie Dubois and 15-year-old Portuguese qualifier Michelle Larcher de Brito pulled off a pair of second-round shocks by knocking out seeded opponents.

Dubois, who grew up in nearby Laval, had the support of the raucous crowd at Jarry tennis centre as she rallied for a 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 win over 13th seed Maria Kirilenko of Russia.

Brito, who reached the third round in Miami and Stanford, underlined her credentials as one of the WTA's rising talents, as she moved within a win of her first quarter-final after outlasting 15th seed Flavia Pennetta of Italy 6-3, 0-6, 6-3.

Sixth seed Anna Chakvetadze blasted American Jill Craybas 6-2,7-5 to lead a Russian charge into the third round with seventh seed Dinara Safina and 12th seed Nadia Petrova all advancing with straight sets wins.

In the late game, another Canadian hopeful, Aleksandra Wozniak, fell to world No. 2 Jelena Jankovic of Serbia 6-0, 6-4.

REUTERS

Second-round results at Rogers Cup

- **Stephanie Dubois (Canada)** beat No. 13 Maria Kirilenko (Russia) 6-2, 2-6, 7-6(4)
- No. 1 Ana Ivanovic (Serbia) beat Petra Kvitova (Czech Republic) 6-3, 4-6, 6-3
- No. 2 Jelena Jankovic (Serbia) beat Aleksandra Wozniak (Canada) 6-0, 6-4
- No. 3 Maria Sharapova (Russia) beat Marta Domachowka (Poland) 7-5, 5-7, 6-2
- No. 6 Anna Chakvetadze (Russia) beat Jill Craybas (U.S.) 6-2, 7-5
- No. 7 Dinara Safina (Russia) beat Anastasia Rodionova (Russia) 6-2, 6-4
- No. 9 Patty Schnyder (Switzerland) beat Monica Niculescu (Romania) 6-1, 7-5
- No. 10 Marion Bartoli (France) beat Alisa Kleybanova (Russia) walkover
- No. 11 Victoria Azarenka (Belarus) beat Sybille Bammer (Austria) 6-2, 6-2
- No. 12 Nadia Petrova (Russia) beat Tamarine Tanasugarn (Thailand) 6-3, 6-2
- Michelle Larcher de Brito (Portugal) beat No. 15 Flavia Pennetta (Italy) 6-3, 0-6, 6-3
- Tamira Paszek (Austria) beat Melinda Czink (Hungary) 6-4, 7-5
- Ai Sugiyama (Japan) beat Shahar Peer (Israel) 6-2, 6-2

Sports in brief

NHL The Columbus Blue Jackets re-signed goaltender Pascal Leclaire to a three-year contract. Leclaire is coming off his best NHL season, having posted a 24-17-6 record in 2007-08.

NBA Restricted free agent Luol Deng has agreed to a six-year, $71-million US contract with the Bulls, according to a Chicago Sun-Times story yesterday.

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SCOREBOARD

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Tampa Bay	63	44	.589	—
Boston	61	48	.560	3
N.Y. Yankees	59	48	.551	4
Toronto	54	54	.500	9½
Baltimore	51	56	.477	12

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Sox	60	46	.566	—
Minnesota	59	48	.551	1½
Detroit	55	52	.514	5½
Kansas City	50	59	.459	11½
Cleveland	46	60	.434	14

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Angels	67	40	.626	—
Texas	56	52	.519	11½
Oakland	53	54	.495	14
Seattle	40	67	.374	27

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	58	49	.542	—
N.Y. Mets	58	50	.537	½
Florida	57	51	.528	1½
Atlanta	49	58	.458	9
Washington	38	69	.355	20

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Cubs	64	44	.593	-
Milwaukee	60	48	.556	4
St. Louis	61	49	.555	4
Cincinnati	51	58	.468	13½
Houston	50	57	.467	13½
Pittsburgh	50	58	.463	14

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Arizona	55	52	.514	—
L.A. Dodgers	54	53	.505	1
Colorado	49	60	.450	7
San Francisco	44	63	.411	11
San Diego	42	67	.385	14

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Toronto 3 Tampa Bay 2
N.Y. Yankees 13 Baltimore 3
Kansas City 4 Oakland 3 (10 ings)
L.A. Angels 9 Boston 2
Texas 4 Seattle 3
Chicago Sox 8 Minnesota 3
Detroit 14 Cleveland 12

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Colorado 7 Pittsburgh 4
Florida 7 N.Y. Mets 5
St. Louis 7 Atlanta 2
Philadelphia 8 Washington 5
Chicago Cubs 7 Milwaukee 2
Cincinnati 9 Houston 5
Arizona 7 San Diego 3
L.A. Dodgers 4 San Francisco 0

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Detroit at Cleveland, 9:05
L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees, 4:05
Seattle at Texas, 5:05
Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, 5:10

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 12:05
Colorado at Florida, 4:10
St. Louis at Atlanta, 4:10
Philadelphia at Washington, 4:10
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, 7:10

CFL

WEEK 6

TONIGHT'S GAMES

Hamilton at Montreal, 4
B.C. at Edmonton, 7

TOMORROW'S GAME

Winnipeg at Toronto, 4

SATURDAY'S GAME

Saskatchewan at Calgary, 5

SOCCER

GAMES FEATURING THE VANCOUVER WHITECAPS MEN'S TEAM:

TOMORROW'S GAME

VANCOUVER at Carolina, 5

BASEBALL

NORTHWEST LEAGUE GAMES FEATURING THE VANCOUVER CANADIANS:

TONIGHT'S GAME

Salem-Keizer at VANCOUVER, 7:05

Tampa Bay ruins Richmond's debut

RAYS 3 BLUE JAYS 2

When his start ended, with one out in the sixth inning, Vancouver native Scott Richmond finally allowed himself the luxury of soaking it all in.

"Usually, I had the head down," the 28-year-old Blue Jay debutant said. "But that was my moment to look around."

Richmond

As the starting pitcher did so, the crowd rose to its feet to cheer him off. Richmond shyly saluted them back.

"I didn't know if I was supposed to tip the cap, but I had a lot of family members who sacrificed a lot of things to be there, and (Canada's Olympic baseball) team is there. It was a big day for me and I just wanted to let them know I really appreciated it," Richmond said.

Afterward, an emotional Richmond still had two hoops to go through. First, the post-game meeting with those 20-odd relatives who made the trip out.

"With mom looking at me crying, I have to keep myself composed," Richmond said.

Then the word on whether this start was a one-off experiment, or something more regular. Richmond soon learned he was making the flight to Texas with the rest of his new teammates. For now, the unlikely 28-year-old rookie is sticking with the Jays.

The afternoon wasn't entirely a fairy tale. Richmond surrendered three runs and took the loss in a 3-2 defeat against the Tampa Bay Rays.

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Politics
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Beijing Games

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FIFA orders clubs to release players

SOCCER World soccer's governing body FIFA told clubs yesterday they must release any players aged under 23 selected for the Olympics after rejecting a protest by three European teams.

No place on team for champ: Ruling

ATHLETICS Former world triple jump champion Charles Friedek lost his legal bid for a place on Germany's Olympic team yesterday, the German Athletics Federation said.

Sports in brief

DOPING China has stood by the life ban imposed on swimmer Ouyang Kunpeng for doping, saying athletes must take responsibility for the food and medicine they consume.

POLLUTION China is mulling emergency plans to keep Olympic skies clear and may push more cars off the road in Beijing and nearby cities if wind or rain do not disperse smog build-ups, government advisers said yesterday.

REUTERS

Tomorrow's lineup

SAY WHAT? What many Chinese consider idle chit-chat has now become the latest area of censure in Beijing as it prepares for an influx of Olympic visitors. Pick up tomorrow's Metro for more.

7 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

Funding flawed

Criteria too general, athlete Riker-Fox says

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When Joshua Riker-Fox got the news he would be representing Canada at the Olympic Games in Beijing, he was too busy scrambling to survive to celebrate.

"I've been relying on money from fundraising events in my hometown and private donations for the last six years," the modern pentathlete says, adding there is a glaring difference in funding between winter and summer Olympic sports.

In order for an athlete to receive federal government funding, or carding from Sport Canada, there is an analysis of "the technical needs of the sport, as measured by the number of athletes required to field a team," and the "results of the Olympics ... and World Championships in the last four-year period."

Riker-Fox contends the criteria in place are too general and the funding process should be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

"There is a major flaw in the formula used to analyze carding," he said. "They have two different tools: They look at historical performance at the Olympics, but — especially in the case of the modern pentathlon — there isn't enough data for analysis. There were no women in this field before 2000 at the Olympics, and Canadian men haven't qualified since 1992."

And, because the modern pentathlon involves highly specialized skills, Riker-Fox says participation in the sport is lower than others, which he says makes a numerical analysis of participants unfair.

"They look at our sport and say, 'Josh, we can't give you any money because there isn't historical representation.' But I've made contributions; I've medalled at the Pan Am Games," he said.

"Is there an imbalance? Yes. Is it being corrected? Yes."
Steve Keogh

Riker-Fox also says the Canadian Olympic Committee has been concentrating on its own mandate to the detriment of summer sport athletes. The COC is responsible for the Own The Podium program, which is concentrating on funding athletes for the 2010 Winter Games.

"Is there an imbalance? Yes. It is being corrected? Yes," Steve Keogh, director of communications for the COC, said about the differences in funding between the Excellence program, which funds summer sports athletes, and the Podium program.

In response to the assertion that the Excellence program has seen less federal funding, Alex Baumann, executive director of that program, conceded that "that certainly has been the case in the past," although the government has agreed to supply the program with $8 million this year and $16 million next year, as well as an annual influx of $24 million in perpetuity.

Another way the COC says it is rectifying any financial disparity is the new Athletes Excellence Fund, which Keogh says could benefit all athletes and is based solely on individual performance. Through this fund, medal winners will be able earn $20,000 for a gold medal, $15,000 for a silver and $10,000 for a bronze.

"We hope to pay out a lot of money," said Keogh.

While Riker-Fox has every intention of medalling during his event on Aug. 21, he says the continuing battle for funding has left lingering doubts about the entire Olympic funding process.

"We have been disregarded by them for so long," he said. "They don't understand what it means to put on a Canadian jersey and represent your country."

CANADIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE PHOTO

Modern pentathlete Joshua Riker-Fox is competing on Aug. 21.

Women excluded from Saudi Arabia's Olympic team

When Saudi Arabia's Olympic team appears in Beijing, it will be conspicuous for the absence of women.

Rashed al-Heraiwel, head of the Saudi delegation, confirmed no women would be in the lineup, apparently due to clerics' opposition to women's participation in sport.

Heraiwel said now was not the time for the Saudi authorities to consider allowing women into sport.

"We'll cross that bridge when we come to it," he said, suggesting that issue had not been discussed due to the de-facto ban.

The Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee website says the Olympic team will participate in five sports —athletics, shooting, swimming, weightlifting and equestrian events — but does not say how many athletes will attend.

A strict Islamic state, Saudi Arabia is one of the only countries to keep women out of international sports events, despite efforts in recent years to change the situation.

A Saudi opposition activist called for a strong response against Riyadh's stance. "Bar countries that ban women athletes," Ali al-Ahmad urged Olympic sports authorities in May.

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Pioneering store up for sale

But owners seeking a like-minded buyer

JOYCE YIP
for Metro Canada

After 25 years, the pioneering queer bookstore in Vancouver, Little Sister's Book and Art Emporium is up for sale — to the right buyer only.

The bookstore, which opened on April 15, 1983, has been a source of spiritual support to many gays and lesbians in the Davie Street area, said Jim Deva, one of the owners. But now, he and partner Bruce Symth are looking for a change.

"We're still contemplating whether or not to sell it," Deva said. "It's been a big responsibility, stressing over non-stressful things like payroll and taxes ... and we're looking to do something different with our lives."

When the bookstore first opened, explosives were set off in front to intimidate owners and, since then, they have frequently clashed with the federal government. On multiple occasions, the Canada Border Services Agency denied permission to import books, magazines and comics it deemed obscene because they were aimed at gays and lesbians.

Deva said the current challenge is to find the perfect person to continue their legacy, but so far, no one is on their short list.

"The bookstore meets a lot of the needs in the community," he said. "So, I need to find someone who will go on to do what we're doing."

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Jim Deva at the Little Sister's Book and Art Emporium on Davie Street. He is willing to sell it, but only to a like-minded owner.

MyPride
by Joyce Yip
for Metro Vancouver

Libby Davies

AGE: 55
OCCUPATION: Member of Parliament, Vancouver East
CLAIM TO FAME: First "out" lesbian Member of Parliament.
A COMING OUT MOMENT: It was during a debate on same-sex marriage in Parliament, and I talked about my common-law relationship with a woman. I said it was people's choice on whether their partners were male or female.
FAVOURITE GAY ICON: Rosie O'Donnell.
A VANCOUVER PRIDE EXPERIENCE: Walking down Denman Street and seeing the outpouring of wonderful people. It's a very special thing.
MOST LIKELY TO BE SPOTTED DURING PRIDE: I'll be walking with the New Democrats.
WORDS OF WISDOM: Be true to yourself and be proud about it.

Aaron Ursaki

AGE: 28
OCCUPATION: Wholesale manager
CLAIM TO FAME: Vancouver's Gay Top Model.
A COMING OUT MOMENT: I was in high school and I was sick of being sad. I told my best friends and they accepted it pretty well.
FAVOURITE GAY ICON: Ellen Degeneres.
A VANCOUVER PRIDE EXPERIENCE: I was Ms. Wesa in the 2004 parade for the West Side softball team. I was in a big softball glove with my throne.
MOST LIKELY TO BE SPOTTED DURING PRIDE: Walking in the parade with Vancouver's Gay Top Model and the Vancouver Friends For Life Society.
WORDS OF WISDOM: Live your life every day.

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Tim Stevenson

AGE: 53
OCCUPATION: Vancouver city councillor
CLAIM TO FAME: The first openly gay person ordained in a mainstream Christian denomination in Canada.
A COMING OUT MOMENT: I was in my 30s — married to a woman — and after a very difficult struggle, I finally came to a point where I knew I couldn't deny it anymore.
FAVOURITE GAY ICON: Harvey Milk, a San Francisco politician and gay rights activist. He was assassinated in 1978 at city hall and is famous for saying: "If a bullet should enter my brain, let that bullet destroy every closet door."
A VANCOUVER PRIDE EXPERIENCE: I love the fact that everybody enjoys themselves. It's just a big wonderful party.
MOST LIKELY TO BE SPOTTED DURING PRIDE: Walking in the parade with Vision Vancouver and St. Andrew's Wesley United Church.
WORDS OF WISDOM: Remember the history that we have, all of the things we gained — human rights, rights to marry, rights to adopt children — were hard-fought by people. They can be taken away if we're not vigilant and be mindful.

Caryl Dolinko

AGE: 45
OCCUPATION: President of Smart Cookie Consulting, a business-to-business growth marketing company
CLAIM TO FAME: Sponsorship co-ordinator and communications consultant of the Vancouver Pride Society; vice-chair of the Diversity Committee at City Hall representing the LGBT community.
A COMING OUT MOMENT: I was always a tomboy, I preferred flirting with the girls rather than playing with them. But I had my first experience with a woman when I was travelling at the age of 25, and it felt right.
FAVOURITE GAY ICON: Ellen Degeneres.
A VANCOUVER PRIDE EXPERIENCE: Last year, during the moment of silence when the entire parade route came to an absolute halt for people around the world who don't have the rights that we have in Vancouver.
MOST LIKELY TO BE SPOTTED DURING PRIDE: The VIP party with all the judges and grand marshals at the boathouse.
WORDS OF WISDOM: It's time to not take for granted the basic rights to live, to love and to be. It's our time, our moment to live up to our pride and to stand up for something bigger.

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IKEA madness

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'Shrine' displays create domestic peace

Many times a couple will call me in to act as a sort of referee, some third party to decide what is fair or foul when it comes to their home.

The sides often line up like this: She wants a refresh, a taste of the trends she sees in magazines. He wants to surround himself with all the stuff that reminds him of the fun times he doesn't want to forget.

Much as she loves the guy, she can't have his free-with-Canucks-tickets bobbleheads nodding away at her in the living room, or his signed Tragically Hip poster, or his 400 British music magazines. He can't see why they can't make room for his stuff among

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the passing parade of framed prints, vases, lamps and small bits of furniture that come and go with each season and her various style whims.

I can spot this scenario in the first five minutes of my house call. She will focus my attention on Exhibit A: the offending beer-league hockey trophies. He will counter-point at her latest scattering of accent cushions. She will defend her purchases as useful items for the house. He will look slightly bewildered at all this for-the-house stuff he has learned to ignore.

As the house ref, I call the technicalities. She has to admit that the for-the-house items are in fact hers, which, in fairness, should occupy an equal amount of space as his 'useless' mementoes. He has to learn to decide what is a bonafide memento worthy of display and what is mere crap.

Most times it's the woman who calls me in, so sure she is that I will side with her as ref. He usually greets me with the stiffness of the sullenly suspicious, assuming the chicks will win. However, I'm more likely to suggest something horrifying in her view, like daylight his coffee-table-sized novelty pool table or deep-six her dried floral arrangements.

This doesn't mean every woman has to surrender the few available surfaces to two-dozen beer steins or action figures. Instead, I suggest designating a 'shrine' space for only the most precious items of a particular fetish and arrange the pieces in a limited space — like a bookshelf, or on the shelf under a glass-topped coffee table. Varying the heights and shapes of objects will allow the eye to bounce around the shrine items. A hidden lamp will backlight the collection, for a better view.

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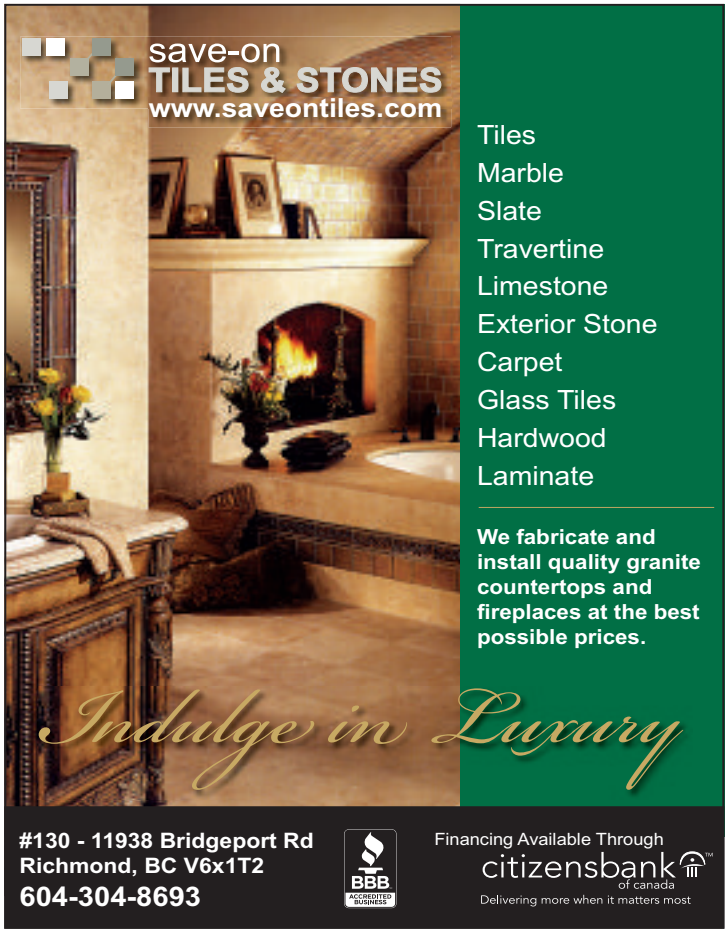
A Major League fanatic's most precious items are honoured in a living room baseball "shrine."



Keeping mosquitoes away

If you are attacked by mosquitoes every time you step into your backyard, take heart. You can still enjoy it, but there are a few things you can do to make mosquito pests feel unwelcome — after all, not only are they annoying, they also carry disease.

Eco-friendly bug spray or bug zappers can help temporarily, but neither will help you to take back your yard over the long term. What you really want to know is a little about mosquito life cycles — because you want to learn how NOT to make your backyard an inviting place for mosquitoes to raise their babies!

First of all, mosquito young are larvae that live in water and feed on microorganisms and organic matter — so any standing water left around the house for even a few days is a standing invitation for mosquitoes to get in a family way.

Keep in mind that even a few days of standing water can produce a bumper crop of mosquitoes!

Eliminate all standing water, such as boggy eavestroughs, standing water in saucers under pots, water in cans or plastic containers, garbage cans, wheelbarrows, barrels and so on.

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If you've got old tires anywhere, get rid of them to avoid that dreaded hillbilly look — but also because they serve as lovely places for mosquitoes to breed. Put away, invert, cover or punch drainage holes in all containers that collect water.

Better yet, get rid of them, because they probably don't look great in your backyard anyway.

If you've got hollow stumps or cavities in trees that collect water, try to eliminate these as well by filling the holes or digging out the stumps.

If you've got a birdbath, lovely as it may be, it can also produce mosquitoes. To prevent this, you need to change the water every two to three days to wash out the larvae before they hatch.

A small bubbling fountain in a birdbath also serves to discourage mosquitoes because they prefer stagnant water.

If you should be fortunate enough to have an ornamental water garden on your property, investigate the idea of stocking the pool with mosquito-eating fish, such as goldfish, minnows or guppies

Bubbling fountains will also help to prevent the stagnant water that mosquitoes love.

As always, do not overwater your yard — any puddles or damp spots could be a lovely nursery for mosquito larvae! Leaky faucets and spouts can also produce a puddle, so fix these as well.

Ditto for pet water containers — make sure they are not left standing outside after Poochie has retired for the evening.

For the same reason, drain kiddie pools daily or if you have a larger above-ground pool, cover it when not in use.

If you have an in-ground swimming pool or even a hot tub, keep it chlorinated or treated and filtered.

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Food

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À la carte

Barb Holland
Metro Food Writer

Celebrating the spud

Versatile, inexpensive and nutritious, the ever so humble potato is finally getting its 15 minutes of fame. The United Nations General Assembly has named 2008 the International Year of the Potato in recognition of the tuber's 5,000 years on the planet and the fact that it can grow in poor soil and keep many hungry people alive. While grocery stores tend to market potatoes by colour or by cooking method, you'll find novelty spuds such as fingerlings, mini potatoes, red skinned yellow-fleshed potatoes and blue potatoes in local farmers' market and specialty grocers. The season for many of these potatoes is short, so get them while you can.

Creamy Potato and Dill Salad

If time permits, make salad the day before as flavour improves overnight. The buttermilk provides a tangy flavour and a creamy consistency. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

INGREDIENTS:
- 2 lb (1 kg) small red or white potatoes, unpeeled
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) white wine vinegar

Dressing:
- 1 tsp (5 mL) Dijon mustard
- 1 small clove garlic, minced
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) light mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) buttermilk or plain low fat yogurt
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) pepper
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) chopped fresh dill

METHOD:

Scrub potatoes and cover with cold water in a saucepan. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, until potatoes are tender but not soft, about 15 minutes. Drain in colander until cool enough to handle.

Cut in halves or quarters, depending on size. Place in large bowl and sprinkle with vinegar. Let stand a few minutes until vinegar is absorbed.

Dressing: Place mustard and garlic in small bowl. Gradually whisk in mayonnaise to blend, then buttermilk, salt and pepper. Stir in dill. Pour over potatoes and stir gently to mix. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

The United Nations General Assembly has named 2008 the International Year of the Potato.

Potato tips:
- Scrub rather than peel potatoes. The skin adds fibre, colour and texture but also prevents the potatoes from getting too watery. For even cooking, pick similar sized potatoes.
- Waxy or boiling potatoes: Long white, round red or round white with a thin skin, these potatoes are lower in starch and higher in moisture. They keep their shape, making them good for boiling, steaming, roasting, scalloped or gratin dishes.
- Floury or baking potatoes: Such as Russet or Idaho, have a long shape and thicker skin. High in starch and low in moisture, these are a good choice for baking or mashing.
- All-purpose potatoes: Such as the yellow-fleshed Yukon Gold have an even balance of starch and water, making it a good all-rounder.

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Entertainment

Rogen row

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In a shoebox, in a garage, somewhere in Vancouver — there might be a hit. Maybe a drinking anthem like Home For a Rest, maybe a singalong classic like And if Venice is Sinking.

John Mann and Geoffrey Kelly, the songwriting team and co-founders of Celtic/pop/rockers Spirit of the West, are always sharing ideas, recording stuff.

"We have a lot of songs on tape that have absolutely no lyrics, with one of us just scatting the melody lines. Just reams of these, mini discs everywhere," said Mann, who keeps some in a shoebox in his garage.

"At some point, we're going to have to go through them, because I know we have some really good ideas there. But we just keep moving on, and moving on."

For 25 years. To celebrate, the five-piece band is touring and has released a double-CD retrospective: Spirituality 1983-2008: The Consummate Compendium. The 32 songs — including two new ones — were picked by the band.

"There's certain songs we couldn't leave out, like And if Venice Is Sinking, Save This House and Home for a Rest," said Mann.

"But there are also songs on the album we hadn't been playing much, that we really loved and felt were good songs. They were more for ourselves, really, than for the fans."

Mann mentions Not Just a Train, recorded for the film My American Cousin, and the dark Pulling Lame: "There was a time when we were playing more electric, heavier songs, and we wanted that to be reflected, too. Because that was always a fun way to get our Ya-Ya's out."

Not that Spirit of the West is known for keeping its Ya-Ya's in. The band has always been about the crammed club, the flowing drinks and the immediacy of the performance.

"When we're playing live, we definitely pour our hearts into it," said Mann.

"We're proud of what we do as a live band. We feel like we really put on a show and we work hard when we're out there. And we have fun — we're such great pals."

Still — a quarter of a century later. Mann and Kelly keep moving on.

"We get together at each other's house and make each other coffee, and see what we have," said Mann. "It's a rare time that we come up with nothing.

We'll always come up with something."

Go West

- **Who:** Spirit of the West
- **What:** To celebrate their 25th anniversary, the band is touring and has released a two-CD retrospective. Spirituality 1983-2008: The Consummate Compendium contains 32 songs.

Geoffrey Kelly, from left, Vince R. Ditrich, John Mann, Hugh McMillan and Tobin Frank are Spirit of the West. Kelly and Mann have been in the band from the beginning.

Stone may have bad "karma"

Sharon Stone is facing a $1-billion US lawsuit from the victims of China's recent earthquake after she controversially blamed the disaster on "karma," imdb.com reports.

The actress provoked outrage with her comments in May, linking the death of more than 67,000 victims of the natural disaster to China's treatment of Tibetans.

Stone apologized, but a New York lawyer has rallied more than 1,000 survivors and victims' relatives to serve Stone with legal documents, demanding a further apology and threatening to sue.

Attorney Ming Hai says: "For the families who have lost their loved ones or lost limbs or suffered severe injuries, your … statement and act has caused extreme emotional distress."

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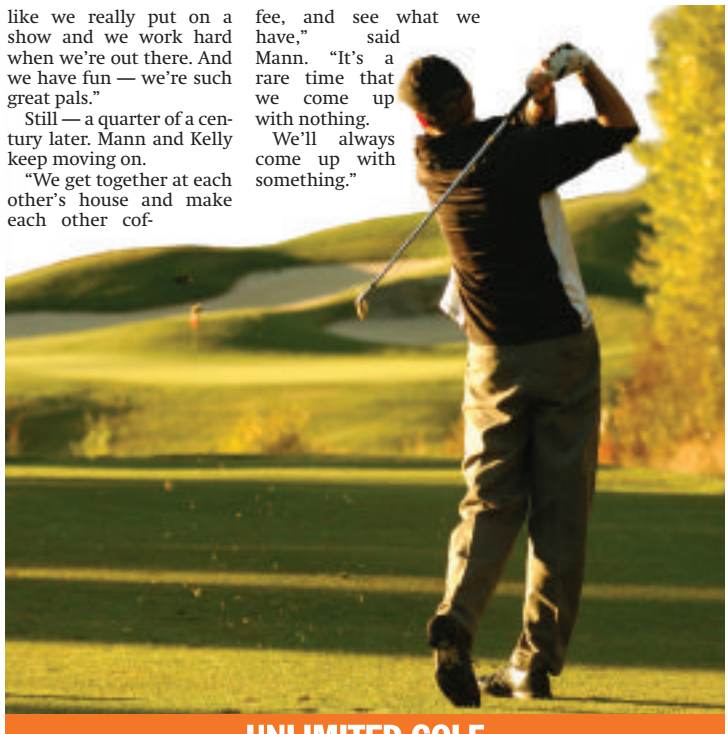
Greek star Foster charged in DUI case

LEGAL Actor Scott Michael Foster has been charged with two misdemeanours for driving under the influence following his arrest last week, imdb.com reports.

The star of the comedy-drama Greek was taken into police custody in Hollywood last Monday after cops noticed he was intoxicated during a routine traffic stop. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Hindu heads happy Guru gets no Love

MOVIES Hindu leaders have claimed victory in their campaign against Mike Myers' new film The Love Guru after the movie failed to wow cinema audiences across America, imdb.com reports.

Religious leaders called the movie "morally offensive" to Hinduism and urged followers of the religion to boycott the picture.

The Love Guru debuted at No. 4 at the U.S. box office on its June release, taking just $14 million US in its opening weekend.

The film has taken a gross total of just $31 million in the U.S. in the five weeks since its June 20 release. Anne Hathaway's spy comedy Get Smart was released the same weekend and has so far taken a gross total of $124 million for the same period in America.

Leading U.S. Hindu scholar Rajan Zed is convinced the organized boycott has contributed to the movie's box office slump. "The boycott call of Hindus against Hollywood movie The Love Guru for lampooning Hinduism has been very effective, contributing to its blunt failure at the box office," he said. "Although various issues contributed to its failure, the boycott was one of the major factors. Many Hindus as well as non-Hindus have been shunning this movie in the USA and Canada."

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McGregor finds peace in Africa

DOCUMENTARY Actors Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman braved the spectre of armed kidnappers and fierce hyenas when they set out on a motorcycle journey in Africa.

But what they encountered was quite different — little violence and curious kids.

A documentary film, Long Way Down, which shows just how peaceful their journey was, will enjoy a brief run in theatres starting today, then appear on television on the Fox Reality Channel beginning Saturday.

REUTERS

K-Fed's good summer
Pop star Britney Spears' ex-husband Kevin Federline says he's "been having a good summer" and "can't complain." Spears is to pay him $20,000 U.S. a month for child support. **F! NEWS ONLINE**

Venice goes against Hollywood grain

Big Hollywood studios will take a back seat at this year's Venice film festival, with the competition line-up highlighting independent U.S. cinema, Italian productions and Japanese animation movies.

Festival director Marco Mueller said the lighter Hollywood presence was partly due to disruptions caused by a 14-week writers' strike that ended in February, meaning the release of some films had to be postponed.

"Some of the films which would have normally been ready in time for Venice now won't be released until December or later," Mueller told a news conference, unveiling the program of the festival's 65th edition.

Last year, U.S. and British films dominated the lineup, with nearly half of the films in the main competition.

This year, only five English-language movies — all listed as U.S. productions — will vie for the top prize at the world's oldest film festival.

Among them is Jonathan Demme's Rachel Getting Married, starring Anne Hathaway and Debra Winger in the story of a woman returning home for her sister's wedding after spending 10 years in and out of rehabilitation centres.

The other U.S. films in the main contest, all by lesser-known or first-time directors, include The Burning Plain — a family drama with Kim Basinger and Charlize Theron — and The Wrestler, with Mickey Rourke in the lead role.

Italy and Japan loom large over the rest of the 21-film competition, with four and three movies respectively. Two of the Japanese offerings are animation films, including Ponyo on Cliff by the Sea by cult director Hayao Miyazaki. **REUTERS**

star power

- Outside competition, Burn After Reading, starring George Clooney and Brad Pitt, by Oscar-winning directors Joel and Ethan Coen will open the 11-day movie marathon on Aug. 27.

Six CCR albums to be reissued

MUSIC The first six albums of California rock band Creedence Clearwater Revival are being reissued on Sept. 30 with bonus tracks and new liner notes, Concord Music Group said. The reissued albums, which have been digitally remastered and will be presented in DigiPaks, are Creedence Clearwater Revival, Bayou Country, Green River, Willy & the Poor Boys, Cosmo's Factory and Pendulum. **REUTERS**

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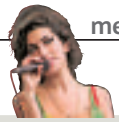

Winehouse dad suspects spiked drink

Singer Amy Winehouse's dad, Mitch, believes his daughter had to be rushed to the emergency room earlier this week because someone allegedly spiked her drink with a party drug. **E! NEWS ONLINE**

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Going Out

7 p.m. Vancouver Community College grad fashion show Fiat Mode XXI. At Rocky Mountaineer Station, 1755 Cottrell St. Tix: $20/30. Info: *vcc.ca*.

8 p.m. Titus Andronicus. At Bard on the Beach, 301-601 Cambie St. Tix: $33. Info: *bardonthebeach.org*.

8 p.m. The Back Kitchen Release Party. At Granville Island Stage, 1585 Johnston St. Tix: $30-33. Info: *artsclub.com*.

8 p.m. All-girl dance group The Dancing Divas perform live. At Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, 395 Kingsway St. Tix: $7. Info: *howardjohnsonvancouver.ca*.

IntelleVision

Rick McGinnis

... will return

CDReviews

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Nine Inch Nails

Album: The Slip
Label: The Null Corporation
Release date: July 22
Rating:

SO THIS IS what being liberated from record-label constraints sounds like.

And no matter the choice of format — free digital download (out since May 5), a CD with or without the limited-edition DVD set or even vinyl (due Aug. 5) — the end result will be the same: Trent Reznor capably channels his tortured soul through aggressive industrial power-pop or the occasional dark ambient instrumental trip. All accessible and ear-pleasing to boot. Reznor calls this a "thank-you" to his fans. Um, you're welcome.

Ian Nathanson

Willie Nelson and Wynton Marsalis

Album: Two Men With The Blues **Label:** Blue Note/EMI
Release date: July 8
Rating:

WILLIE'S BEEN DOING some strange stuff in recent years and not all of it has worked. I mean, did we really need a Willie Nelson reggae album? But this collaboration with jazz trumpeter Wynton Marsalis makes sense. Willie's been performing standards like Georgia On My Mind, Night Life and Stardust all his life. So has Wynton. Both are masters of phrasing and they lay it down easily on this relaxed live set. Wynton performance shows respect, never interfering with Willie's understated vocals. There's some rough edges, but who cares? They're having way too much fun. **Graham Rockingham**

Lalah Hathaway

Album: Self Portrait
Label: Stax
Release date: July 29
Rating:

THIS IS THE kind of old-school R&B album a lot of A-list pop singers would like to make but fail miserably at. It requires more than overdone beats and superfluous note-bending. Hathaway pours fiery soul onto cool jazz for an album that will play perfectly when you bring your date home for that good-night cocktail and slowdance to the bedroom. Tasty stuff, produced with style and performed with restrained precision just like they used to in the '70s. Caution: Don't let it put you to sleep. **Graham Rockingham**

Alice Cooper

Album: Along Came A Spider
Label: SPV/Fusion 3
Release date: July 29
Rating:

IT'S BEST TO ignore the silly serial killer theatrics on this album. Alice Cooper lost his ability to shock years ago. It now seems so ... routine. (What's truly scary is that Alice spends his down time golfing with Sen. John McCain). Put all that aside and what you're left with is some superb, if formulaic, riff rock. Alice employs two great guitarists in his band — Keri Keli and Jason Hook — who are joined by Slash for some old school pyrotechnics on the track Vengeance Is Mine. These new tracks will play well in concert. **Graham Rockingham**

Primal Scream

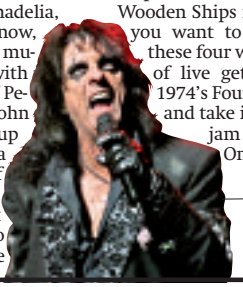
Album: Beautiful Future
Label: Atlantic/Warner
Release date: July 22
Rating:

THERE'S A LOT you can say about Primal Scream — after all they've been around for 20 years — but restless probably describes this British band best. Over the years the group has tackled dance, psychadelia, '70s rock and now, straight-up pop music. Working with Bjorn Yttling of Peter, Bjorn and John fame, the group has created a number of catchy hooks, but there's not enough meat to sustain an entire album. Despite the wildly infectious title track, they end up sounding like every other U.K. pop act out there. **Bryan Borzykowski**

CSNY

Album: Deja Vu Live
Label: Reprise/Warner
Release date: July 22
Rating:

LAST YEAR'S CSNY tour was a very good idea. Releasing a live CD from it wasn't. The tour was one of those 'You had to be there' experiences. On this record, much of Neil Young's earnest "impeach the president/stop the war" message sounds merely sophomoric. David Crosby and Graham Nash are in fine singing form, but Stephen Stills' voice on Wooden Ships is painful. If you want to hear what these four were capable of live get a hold of 1974's Four Way Street and take in the guitar jam on Carry On. **Graham Rockingham**



Alice Cooper

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CSI: Crime Scene Investigation

And you thought chop shops were only for motor vehicles. Nick and Keppler (George Eads, Liev Schreiber) investigate the death of a man whose body was torched after his bones and tissue were harvested. They soon uncover a link to the grisly illegal trade in human body parts. A married woman's murder leads Warrick and Sara (Gary Dourdan, Jorja Fox) into a new kind of social scene. Gordon Clapp guest stars in "Meet Market." 8 PM on CTV

Ugly Betty

Go, Betty! After a visit to Mode by Justin's (Mark Indelicato) class has the girls feeling fat and ditching their lunches, Betty (America Ferrera) persuades Daniel (Eric Mabius) to use realistically sized women for the magazine's Fashion Week show. Amanda (Becki Newton) consults a psychic (guest star Annie Potts) for help in finding out who her father is. Wilhelmina (Vanessa Williams) gets some bad news about her efforts to get pregnant. 8 PM on ABC

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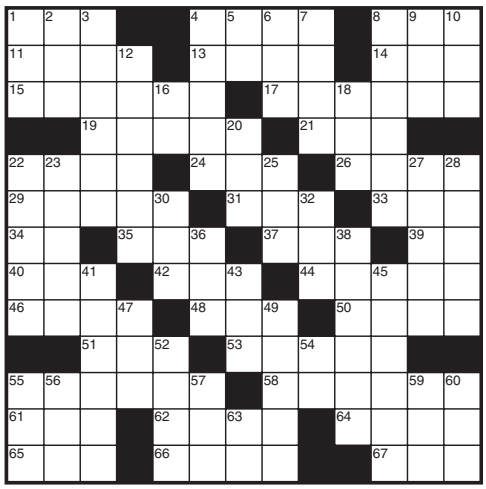
A royal premiere

The next installment in the Harry Potter film franchise has been chosen to feature at this year's Royal Film Performance.
Harry Potter And The Half-Blood Prince will have its European premiere in November in front of a member of the U.K. royal family. IMDB.COM

Take Five



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45 Snuck a look
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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A genius engages you in a discussion. Someone in crisis makes flippant remarks. Weird coincidences are due to drastic changes.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A stagnant situation appears to be shifting. Simply paying attention to a problem will fix it. A mediator will make changes in policy.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
A man presents a bizarre challenge. You must employ self-imposed restrictions. Get what you need to proceed.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Someone's nerves are near the breaking point. Temporary barriers will dissolve. A sensual man makes advances toward a woman.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
An enemy wants to burn bridges. Arguments about self-indulgence will disgust you. Phone calls are more effective after lunch.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Remain calm if lousy luck hits. Something radically changes your opinion. Somebody is stuck repeating old patterns.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
An unapproachable guy wants attention. Love shakes your soul to its foundation. A stranger knocks on the door.

SCORPIO
OCT 24- NOV 22
Delete all secret information from your mind. Someone will compliment you. Tone down somebody's hostile approach.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23- DEC 21
Take care to explain yourself thoroughly. Clouds will show their silver linings. Don't get exasperated while traveling.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A playmate wants you to take charge. Confusion may disrupt someone's carefully laid plans. A visitor isn't as bad as feared.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
People praise your ability to get along with others. Believe in yourself and you will make it. A special situation gets on your nerves.

PISCES
FEB 19-MAR 20
Compliment a love-struck girl on her appearance. Insist on carrying out a revolting obligation. Construction will slow travelers.

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2	5				1	3		
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6								8
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HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

1	6	8	5	7	9	2	4	3
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8	5	3	7	6	4	9	1	2
6	4	7	2	9	1	5	3	8

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13. . . . . Genius
13-17 . . . . . Scholar
17-21. . . . . Smart
21-25. . . . . Not bad
25+ . . . . . Keep practising

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This day in history

JULY 30, 781: The oldest recorded eruption of Mt. Fuji (Traditional Japanese date: July 6, 781).
JULY 31, 1741: Charles Albert of Bavaria invades Upper Austria and Bohemia
JULY 31, 1790: First U.S. patent is issued; granted to inventor Samuel Hopkins for a potash process.
JULY 31, 1951: Japan Airlines is established.
JULY 31, 1976: Viking program: Viking 1 — NASA releases the famous Face on Mars photo.
JULY 31, 1981: 42-day strike of Major League Baseball ends in the United States.

Vancouver weather

The Weather Network theweathernetwork.com

Afternoon	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Cloudy. 19°	Rain. Low 14° 90%	Rain. 17°/14° 100%	Variable. 19°/13°	Sunny. 20°/13°

Temperature Normals
High: 23°
Low: 13.2°

Records
High: 29.4°/1965
Low: 8.9°/1945

Sunrise: 5:44 a.m.
Sunset: 8:52 p.m.
Moonrise: 4:30 a.m.
Moonset: 8:44 p.m.

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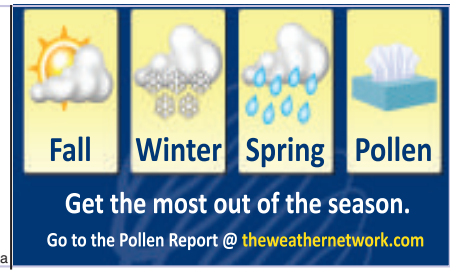

Smith to reprise futuristic role

Will Smith, left, is to revive his role in the futuristic action movie I Am Legend for a prequel. Director Francis Lawrence has confirmed he is working on a followup to the hit 2007 film. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Hudson and Armstrong call it quits

BREAKUP Kate Hudson and Lance Armstrong called it quits this weekend after a three-month romance, us-magazine.com reports.

"There was no drama or ugliness – They just decided to end things," a source close to the couple tells Us. "There is no hatred, just sadness."

The pair quickly became inseparable with sightings of them in Austin, Tex., New York and Los Angeles – though both dodged questions about their relationship.

In the short time they were together, the 29-year-old actress was seen with the 36-year-old cyclist at many of his races and events, including his three-day Lance Armstrong Livestrong Summit in Columbus, Ohio, this past weekend.

It was at the conference that Hudson and Armstrong decided to go their separate ways, a source tells Us.

Each had introduced the other to family. Hudson's mom Goldie Hawn gave what seemed to be her approval at a July 1 lunch at The Ivy at the Shore. Also, Hudson's four-year-old son Ryder went to a Father's Day brunch with Armstrong — and dad Chris Robinson – in June.

A rep for Armstrong had no comment while a rep for Hudson could not be reached.

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GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Doherty not over Moss

BREAKUP Pete Doherty is not over Kate Moss, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Babyshambles singer claims he has not been in a relationship since splitting from the supermodel a year ago.

"I haven't shacked up with anyone since. I haven't shared my life with anyone," he said.

Doherty says his heartbreak has been so great, he hasn't spoken to Moss uty since they went their separate ways.

" When you split up with someone, someone that you're seriously in love with, it takes a lot of time before you even realize that you're upset. You know? It just hits you," he added to Loaded magazine.

The 29-year-old hopes he can use his songwriting to finally help him get over the split.

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celebrity brief

Swift denies dating Jonas

RUMOUR They'd sure make a right pretty couple, but Taylor Swift says she's not dating fellow singer Joe Jonas of the Jonas Brothers, People.com reports. "We're all friends," she said.

Besides, the 18-year-old has other pressing teenage concerns — namely, graduating from high school.

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Dickinson denies flashing pilot on NetJets flight

CONTROVERSY Janice Dickinson sure knows how to distract a pilot, PageSix.com reports.

The so-called original supermodel was on a recent private NetJets flight from Los Angeles to New York when she strolled into the cockpit and flashed the pilot, said a source.

She just went in and did a little shimmy and walked out," said the source. Dickinson tells us through her rep that she'd "admit it if I did it," but claims she didn't.

A NetJets rep declined to comment.

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Aniston's trial marriage

RELATIONSHIPS Jennifer Aniston and John Mayer are planning a "trial marriage," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The couple, who have been dating for three months, are said to be keen to test the strength of their relationship, and think Mayer moving into Aniston's house is the perfect first step.

"John wants to settle down as much as Jennifer does," a source said. "What's more, he's been telling her that he thinks she is the one and she believes him."

Mayer's move into Jennifer's Beverly Hills mansion is set to happen after his tour ends in September.

The couple are also reportedly planning a family.

The source added to Britain's Grazia magazine: "John is the first guy since Brad who has talked seriously about having children and Jennifer is very excited about it."

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

Yes! Another stage in the Tour de Lance is complete, and our courageous cancer-eating cyclist still wears the yellow jersey. I'm definitely ordering my beige "DUMPSTRONG" bracelet. My old yellowbracelet has too many cig burns on it.

Janice Dickinson is 53 years old. In model years, that's 1,006. The pilot is said to be recovering comfortably.

Not to downplay the serious nature of alcoholism, but I must disagree with Ms. Nielson. In fact, she reached rock bottom 16 years ago when she married Marc Gastineau. The handful of New York Jets fans reading this who can remember the early '90s are nodding silently right now.

A Britney Spears reality show is a terrible idea. It means the next time she "forgets" to wear panties, there's bound to be far more sophisticated photographic evidence. Not a good thing, unless you're a trauma counsellor.

Kudos to "Anisyer." A trial marriage is a great idea, because it makes the transition to the inevitable trial separation so much more seamless.

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Best dressed couple

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt, right, have been named 2008's Best Dressed Couple. Vanity Fair magazine praised Jolie for the way she dressed while pregnant and noted Pitt's numerous stylish red-carpet appearances. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Celebrity Buzz

Foxy's lawyer fires back at book lawsuit

LEGAL Rapper Foxy Brown has lashed out at publishing executives after they accused her of failing to deliver an autobiography she was paid to write, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Bosses at Simon and Schuster, Inc. claim Brown, whose real name is Inga Marchand, was handed $75,000 US in 2005 to pen her memoirs in a book titled Broken Silence.

The deadline was set for February 2006, but she is said to have never completed the work.

However, Brown insists company bosses approved her request to put the project on hold while she underwent treatment for sudden hearing loss, after she was diagnosed with severe deafness in both ears in December 2005.

"With Simon & Schuster's blessings, Foxy Brown underwent extensive surgical procedures and a lengthy recovery time, fighting to restore her hearing," her attorney Laura Dilimetin tells AllHipHop.com.

The statement goes on to claim that it was at this point that "Simon & Schuster decided not to go forward with the project."

Dilimetin adds, "Many attempts were made by Foxy Brown's agents to resurrect the deal, to no avail … I find it suspect that after all of these years of silence, Simon & Schuster pick now to bring this meritless action when they were the ones to halt the project.

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Ne-Yo proud of positive image

MEDIA Ne-Yo has slammed the media for rewarding the bad behaviour of troubled celebrities with hoards of press coverage, rather than focusing on their talents, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 28-year-old R&B star is proud of that fact that he's managed to dodge negative press throughout his singing career — but admits he's shocked that his fellow musicians are showered with media attention resulting from arrests, affairs and drug abuse.

"Image is the most difficult thing," he said. "Back in the day, you were judged off your music, or how many hits you had or the quality of your music."

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Gomez denies Miley rift

RUMOUR When it comes to Miley Cyrus, Selena Gomez tells Extra, "there's nothing there to talk about," usmagazine.com reports.

Rumours of a rift swirled last week after an old YouTube clip of Cyrus, 15, mocking Gomez, 16, hit the blogs. It surfaced the same week it was reported that Gomez was dating Cyrus' ex Nick Jonas. Cyrus later apologized.

But Gomez says the clip "is just the media wanting something to talk about and wanting us to fight. Everywhere you go, you're hearing things that are untrue. You just got to learn that if I don't say it, physically out of my mouth on camera, it's not true."

To prove she has no ill will, Gomez says she picked up "Miley's new CD. I really like her CD."

Gomez says she is thankful for fan support.

"It's overwhelming … to know there are hundreds of kids out there that look up to me," she says. "I know that's a big responsibility. I am also very confident to say that it is wonderful and I'll do my best that I can do to be the best role model I can be."

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Jamie Lynn headed to the altar

WEDDING Jamie Lynn Spears is marrying fiance Casey Aldridge in the autumn, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Zoey 101 actress, who recently gave birth to the couple's first child Maddie, is busy planning her nuptials and intends to get married at her home in Mississippi.

"She loves everything about the area where she lives," a friend of the 17-year-old said. "She's not going to get married in some luxury resort in the Caribbean or a hotel in Beverley Hills. Her own back yard with just the people who matter most is more Jamie Lynn's style."

Big sister Britney is set to be Jamie Lynn's maid of honour, while Casey's sister Ashlee is expected to be a bridesmaid.

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celebrity brief

Nielsen's drinking was out of control

RECOVERY Former actress Brigitte Nielsen was so hooked on alcohol she heard voices in her head telling her to drink more, imdb.com reports. Nielsen checked into rehab a year ago as her drinking spiralled out of control..

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celebrity brief

Brit to film new reality TV series

PEOPLE Britney Spears is rumoured to be filming a new reality TV show, femalefirsts.co.uk reports. The pop star has reportedly ordered her entourage to carry professional video cameras with them at all times to capture her antics on film.

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